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SUBJECT: REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY

REF: (A) STATE 137938, (B) GENEVA 8887

1. REQUEST USUN FIND APPROPRIATE OCCASION IN THE NEAR
FUTURE TO DISCUSS WITH UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL BUFFUM OUR
STRONG INTEREST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL HUMAN
RIGHTS MACHINERY, USING GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF (A).

2. MOST HOPEFUL REGION FOR PROGRESS IN THIS AREA IS AFRICA.
DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED WITH INTEREST REPORT IN PARA. 3 REF.
(B) CONCERNING INCLUSION IN SPEECH WHICH IS TO BE GIVEN
BY SYG WALDHEIM BEFORE THE OAU AT ITS SUMMIT JULY 20 OF
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BY OAU. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH
GENEVA'S SUGGESTION THAT WE ENCOURAGE BUFFUM TO PUSH THE
IDEA. IN VIEW OF ENDORSEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL
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MACHINERY FOR AFRICA AS CONTAINED HRC RESOLUTION 24 (XXXIV),
WE THINK SYG WOULD HAVE FIRM BASIS FOR INCLUDING APPROP-
RIATE REFERENCE TO REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN HIS
OAU SPEECH AND WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT HE WILL DO SO. VANCE

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